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Date 12 June 1953

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SUBJECT: GENERAL-

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Ugo DADONE, Italian journalist

Source: DEPOSITION

Date of info: 9 January and 11 April 1953

Date recd: Early May 1953

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1. Subject is identified as the well known journalist, Ugo DADONE, son of Andrea and the late Ernesta De Benedetti, born at Agropoli on 3 June 1886, living in Rome in Via Cesare Fracassini 4, who has been enscripted on the list of Rome Journalists since 14 November 1927.
2. Subject, a former Rome correspondent of the Corriere della Sera, is at present the director of the newspaper, Il Nazionale, which, although of neo-Fascist inspiration, supports PNM political currents.
3. The Rome Questura files indicate a report from the Savona Questura dated 6 May 1952 stating Subject is taking advantage of his journalistic profession by carrying out information activity in favor of a foreign State. No data, however, has yet become available to confirm this allegation.
4. On 6 July 1950, Subject was sentenced by the Rome Tribunal to 6 months' imprisonment (sentence suspended) for the crime of vilifying the Government. The sentence was successively annulled by the Rome Court of Appeals because of insufficient evidence.
5. Subject enjoys a good reputation in Rome newspaper circles, but is said to be a person of Fascist ideas, with Monarchist tendencies.
6. In a report from Source on one Allala BELHAOUANE, a Tunisian (see OIR-3037), the following information was submitted on Subject:
7. "Subject introduced Allala BELHAOUANE to the well known Josef ATTAS (previously reported) and between them made so many proposals to the

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Tunisian that at one point, in an effort to free himself, BELHAOUANE, on the pretext that he was leaving Rome unexpectedly, left the Majestic Hotel on 22 December 1952 and took lodgings with his wife at the Bel Site pension at Via Ludovisi 16 where he stayed until 7 January 1953.*

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